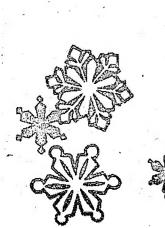


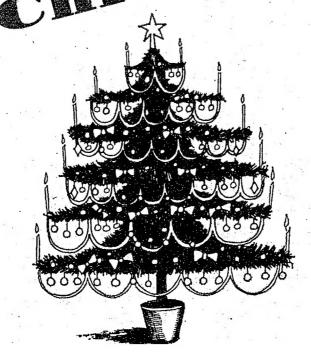


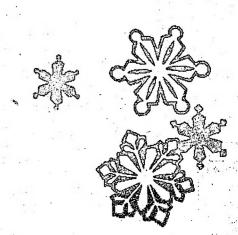
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# Charities Spend Holidays Gathering for Others

By Cami Stenglein-Reardon

Each year, thousands of men, women and children find themselves in need of a helping hand or just plain hungry, while others have plenty to go around. Local and national charities help each person they can, but sometimes they aren't even enough.

Among the large number of charities in the Douglas County area, several are in need of people to volunteer either time, money or goods, while others have fulfilled their goals for the year.

WOW Radio's Trish Matthews said the station sponsors the Children's Christmas Crusade each year in conjunction with the Omaha Police Department. For some of the children who are included, these might be the only gifts they receive.

For 10 years, the officers who know the area and the families have gone to houses, talked with parents where they know the family is having a tight year, and have taken down names and ages of children. Each parent is asked what their child would like for Christmas if he or she could have only one gift. They are asked for first and second choices for each child.

After compiling the list of names and ages along with their wishes, the officers forward

Each listener who responds then buys a gift. wraps it and returns to the Radio Ranch with the wishes in hand.

When all the wishes have been fulfilled, the officers return the gifts to the homes they

Matthews said that about 300 children were handled this year. "We have some really good listeners who like to help."

The Greater Omaha Community Action Inc. takes part in the Toys for Tots program sponsored by the US Marine Corps Reserves. The group provides a list of compiled names to the Marines. The names are acquired through various service agencies. The Marines then take over and collect the toys at sites around the area, in retail stores and through drives from other organizations.

Once the toys are collected, they provide the GOCA offices with the appropriate number of toys to be given away according to the gender and age of the recipients.

This year, the GOCA offices are in need of volunteers to help sack up the toys once brought to them.

"Anyone game enough to sack these toys by the age bracket and the sex of the child would be greatly appreciated here," said Ruth

Matlock, GOCA drive coordinator.

Catholic Charities Inc. at St. Martin's has a similar toy program. Recipients can put their name on the Christmas list by filling out a form after they have participated in either volunteer activities for a nonprofit organization or attended community events.

On the application they fill out what the children would want for Christmas.

This year, 550 families have been sponsored.

Gloria Hernandec said that volunteers are always needed. The next drive starts in February for the toy distribution. To volunteer for this year's drive or next year's, contact Lynn Ivaskevicius, Christmas program coordinator.

Operation Others is another service of the Catholic charities. The group provides Christmas food baskets to needy families who are not participating in the toy program. This year there are 500 names on this list, and all will be provided for.

"We need help on the 18th of December to distribute the baskets. There are lots of deliveries and

not all of them will be able to be made to the homes. So on the 18th clients will be coming here to receive their baskets," Hernadec said.

Even retail feels the spirit of the season. Oak View Mall and its parent company



Bill Startzer, of the Omaha Concord Club and a UNO student, right, rings the Salvation Army bell while Vonda Hammack drops her donation in the bucket.

have put up a "giving tree."

"The idea originated with the Salvation Army and their 'angel tree.' In past years, no one seemed to help promote the program. So this year our parent company decided to set up a campaign companywide. That's 30 malls across the U.S.," according to the mall's business office.

The campaign provided the trees, staffed them, and someone explains to the customers how the program works. Radio station Sweet 98 and KMTV-Channel 3 have put the message out to the public. Sweet 98 has taken calls, much like WOW, and is helping gather the gifts to be distributed.

There are 1,000 names on the tree, but only about 100 have been taken now. The mall is hoping to surpass the numbers on the lists provided to them from the Salvation Army.

Each child receives a toy, a book, an article of clothing and a stocking stuffer. The family also receives a certificate to purchase groceries for the holiday.

Drop sites are located at the mall and the Sweet 98 studios.

One of the most visible organizations in the area is the Omaha World- Herald's Goodfellows Program.

The program began in 1910 as a way to lend a helping had to anyone in the area who was down on their luck. A kind of toll line to those in need.

The group provides food baskets during the holiday season in conjunction with 35 social service agencies. The agencies, including the United Way, American Red Cross, Omaha Public Schools and the Charles Drew Health Center, refer names of their most needy clients to Goodfellows, which in turn mails out certificates for food only. The certificates are good at any grocery store in the Metro area and are mailed 10 to 14 days prior to the holiday.

"Last year we raised \$262,000 from private and corporate donations and spent \$131,000 on groceries during the Christmas

holiday," said Deb Craig, World-Herald public affairs coordinator. "That was 6,000 fami-

Goodfellows also provides year-round emergency assistance to those who are not on public assistance. These emergency allocations are on referral from Together Inc., the United Way or the Holy Family Door Industries. It is a one-time assistance, a quick helping hand, and recipients can be referred only once during the year.

This portion of their program started in 1993 and was set into motion by a vote of the Board of Directors who wished to return the program to its original purpose in some ways.

Hunger and need are not just confined to the city.

In western Douglas County, the Peace Presbyterian Church in Elkhorn houses a food pantry to provide year-round help. Donations are provided by groups such as the Masonic Lodge, area schools, the Lutheran Brotherhood, individuals, corporations and businesses, with the largest donations being in the fall when the Boy Scouts of America hold their annual plastic bag can drive. These donations could be food or money, which would be used to purchase goods at the Food Bank in downtown Omaha.

"Christmas is great, and we want to be sure and not miss helping those who need it then, but we feel it's an ongoing problem ... people get hungry in between too," said Ken Bunnell, pastor at the church.

The church has an angel tree with angels labeled by a number and designating an age and gender of the child. This program is sponsored by the Teen Spirit, a high-school youth group. Congregation members choose an angel, purchase and wrap the gift and return it to the drop area. Teen Spirit then deciphers the code and returns the gift to the appropriate family.

The congregation takes part in the creation of a "mitten tree." The undecorated Christmas tree is set up in an area of the

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The Salvation Army's tree of lights, which stands outside the Douglas County Courthouse, measures the area's holiday giving spirit.

the names to WOW where the disc jockeys go on the air and ask for listeners to help provide Christmas for each child. No names are given to the listeners, just age and gender.

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# What's Up Doc?



Moto Kannari, left, Bugs Bunny and UNO senior Atsushi Saito get ready to go tubing after Monday's snowfall.

# Preparation is Key to Successful Holiday Travel

By Karalee Ziemba

Over the river and through the woods ... With the holiday season officially under way, many people will soon begin traveling home to visit friends and family.

With complications such as snow, ice, sleet, cold, gusty winds or rain making travel difficult, many travelers will find themselves battling unplanned circumstances. Experts agree that with a combination of early planning and preparation for the worst, holiday traveling doesn't have to be ho-ho-hum.

Shirley Dunlap, senior travel counselor at AAA Nebraska, suggests preparing early as one of the best defenses against holiday traveling disasters. She said that being one step ahead will help keep plans from running amok.

"Plan to arrive at least an hour-and-a-half prior to takeoff," Dunlap said. "There will be a backup, most likely, and things will be slower because of the increased security at airports. Now you must show a photo ID when going through information and checking in. Your name and ID must match the name on the ticket."

When traveling to loved ones far away, however, travelers must plan how extra baggage and gifts to transported. Dunlap suggests checking this extra baggage through because "the possibility of them being opened at security is greater."

When traveling with children on an airplane, thinking and planning ahead is a necessity. When taking off, give a baby a bottle to drink or give young children something to drink or chew such as bubble gum, so the pressure when taking off is not noticeable to young travelers.

If a child is under age 2, Dunlap said, the parent cannot purchase an extra seat, the child must stay seated on their lap. But if a child is age 2 or older, parents must purchase a separate seat for their child.

If you haven't purchased your airline tickets yet, Dunlap said, get them as soon as

possible. "If you haven't booked your tickets already, it's basically too late. Prices are substantially higher." In addition, she said, prices for flights are higher during the rush season, which runs from about Dec. 18 until Jan. 5.

Dunlap said that when purchasing tickets, regardless of the season, call a travel agent because they can check and compare all the airlines.

Instead of traveling by air, if you will be packing into the family car and driving, extra precautions and plenty of time are needed to help you arrive at your destination safely.

The Nebraska Department of Roads warns travelers: "Plan trips carefully. Use well-traveled routes and allow plenty of time to arrive. Check current weather reports often through the various media sources. Be sure your vehicle is in good working order and filled with fuel."

When traveling with children, prepare to hear "Are we there yet?" "I'm hungry" and "I'm bored" several hundred times, unless you be sure to bring enough to keep them entertained during the road trip. For instance, travel board games, books, audio tapes and a supply of snack food can help make the time fly by.

If it is necessary to travel in icy or snowy weather, remember that icy surfaces make it difficult to steer and stop. Start preparing to slow down gradually and allow yourself plenty of time when stopping or approaching curves. In addition, studded snow tires may be used in Nebraska from Nov. 1 until April 1.

When traveling by train or bus, planning ahead, packing light and bringing something to do during the long trip are all essential parts in planning for a successful trip.

By preparing ahead of time, allowing enough time for the unexpected to happen, and always being one step ahead, holiday travel can be less stressful and maybe even tolerable.

# **'Pre-Prayeration' Makes Holidays Bright, Priest Says**

By Kate Kalamaja

The hustle and bustle of the holidays—with songs, decorations, snow, presents and Santa Claus. The holiday season means many things to many people. For Christians, Muslims, Jews, Protestants, Catholics and those who do not practice a faith, the season brings a special meaning to all.

Fr. James Gillick, a Jesuit priest who is blind, spoke about the spirit of Christmas Tuesday night in the Student Center Ballroom. The event was sponsored by UNO's Catholic Campus Ministry.

"For a long time, Christmas was a disappointment," Gillick said. "It never snowed

just quite enough in Milwaukee where I grew up. It never lived up to my hopes."

Gillick comes from a family with six siblings and he said that while there never seemed to be enough snow, "they (brothers) were too much.

"They always seemed to get more than I did. The object of Christmas was to compare what you got with what they got."

But there's more to the meaning of the holiday season than just comparing gifts, Gillick said.

"The best Christmas I never had is the one I'm going to have, hopefully. How do we do that? How do we pre-prayer for the best Christmas that I'll ever have?"

Traditionally, many people give and receive gifts during this season, and with those gifts comes a special message.

"The more you love someone, the more you can't find the gift you want to give them," he said. "You want to give the gift that says it all."

He spoke of the familiar experience of going to the Hallmark store, picking up a card and knowing right away it's for that one person. The card says it all, Gillick said, even though it may only be Halloween.

"The giver of gifts really wants the total gift to be given and received. The giver is excited about giving the gift that really means a lot. The best Christmas is when I get something that has me in mind."

Even little gifts such as a T-shirt with a football team you don't even like, he said, are important.

"What I really enjoy are the funny little gifts. This is the gift where they say, 'I looked all over because I looked for a gift that reminds me of you, and it's got your name on it.' Something that will tell you, 'Last summer, didn't we have a great time?'

Even though giving and receiving gifts make up part of the holiday season, the giving

and receiving of honesty and kindness are what make the time so special.

Gillick said everyone has their own stable that they can share with others; meaning, a person's own self and their home, for example.

"Pre-prayering starts with somehow being honest about what I usually say about myself; such things as being inferior, not being included, excluded, preoccupied with other things or with me. 'I'm not ready,' I say. I have been busy because I can't confront the condition of my stable."

It doesn't matter what the physical condi-

tion of a person's stable is in, Gillick said, but that a person is honest and open with themself and is ready to share with others. He also said being high-class doesn't have to do with being good enough for a person to share their stable.

"Jesus was born in a stable, and the first visitors were shepherds. We

can identify with them. Yes, I have some dark parts of the stable that aren't in total light yet, but it's good enough for me to live there and to invite people in and to share with others."

For Catholics, when Jesus comes at Christmas, Gillick said, Jesus says it's all right and that it's wonderful for Him to meet a person in whatever condition their stable is in. And He tells them to stay there.

"Whatever we say about ourself is the sole feeling of worth but not according to the puritanistic North American culture. That says if there is any difference, if you have any defect, any failure or fragility in you, then you are not ready for the stable."

People can have a hard time being honest and down-to-earth with themselves. Letting go of worry and tenseness can make the holiday season a better time for everyone. More importantly, though, is keeping that same feeling the entire year through.

"If I can be honest about the state of my stable, then I can have Christmas. Then it doesn't matter if there's enough snow. I don't need a lot of snow, what I need is on the interior, not the exterior, and maybe I just need the simplicity."

Trying to make the holiday the best one a person never had is something a person can try for every season, he said.

"Do you want that kind of Christmas? Maybe that's the kind of Christmas you never had. It might take listening to music, reading poetry, reading scripture, or sending notes to others trying to say to them what God is trying to say to you about you."

# All I Want for Christmas



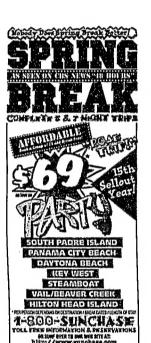
Amanda Marie Halbert, right, gives Santa her Christmas list at the Crossroads Mall.

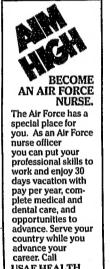
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Amy Pisarik, in the economics and marketing office, has already decked her halls for the holiday.

# Barbie and Star Wars Top Christmas Toy Lists

Christmas is often a time for tradition. This season some toy sales are leaning back into tradition.

This season some of the fastest selling toys aren't necessarily ones that are new on the market. In fact, they may be some of the toys parents themselves played with while growing up.

Two Omaha retailers said the hottest toys for the season are a special Holiday Barbie doll, "Star Wars" action figures and a plastic game for preschoolers called Lucky Ducks. Many of the most popular items have sold out of local stores already.

Jeremiah Bigelow, floor manager for the Toys R Us behind the Oak View Mall, said in a Wednesday morning interview that one populartoythis season is the Holiday Barbie. Bigelow saidthat Toys R Us is completely sold out of the Holiday Barbie. The Holiday Barbie is sold wearing a green dress with lace and bows.

Debra Hanner, assistant team leader at Super Target near 132 and Maple Streets,

this season. Teacher Barbie comes with a desk and two students, one boy and one girl.

Hanner said a basic Barbie doll can be purchased for about \$5, but to get "anything creative" in a Barbie the cost is between \$15 and \$25. Hanner said Super Target is also sold out of the Holiday Barbies.

Bigelow said that "Star Wars" figures are selling fast this season. He said there are nine different action figures and some "Star Wars" vehicles. He said Toys R Us received a shipment of the figures Tuesday evening and they were sold by Wednesday morning. He said the "Star Wars" figures were popular because children have seen the movies on

television, and because many of the parents have seen the "Star Wars" movies while they

said that Teacher Barbie's are also popular were growing up. Bigelow also said that Lucky Ducks game. Bigelow said the Lucky collectors have come in to purchase full sets (all nine) of the action figures. Bigelow said

the collectors bought the figures for their nostalgic value and because many of the collectors thought the figures would have some value in the future.

Hanner said the "Star Wars" figures were also selling well at Super Target. She said some of the children didn't know the names of the figures but would refer to "the gold robot," meaning C3P0.

Hanner said Winnie the Pooh items are selling very well. Not only are the toys selling but also Winnie the Pooh books, clothes

For preschoolers the game Lucky Ducks has been very popular. Hanner said that Super Target has sold out of the

Ducks game is the hottest selling board game for the season. He said that Toys R Us can't keep the game on the shelves.

Another popular item for preschoolers this year is the Great Adventure Castle by Playskool, Bigelow said. He said the Great Adventure Castle was promoted in part to compete with the Playmobile Pirate Ships. Bigelow said the Playmobile items tend to be more expensive than Playskool and that Toys R Us doesn't carry them.

Hanner said that Barney the dinosaur is pretty much out this season. She said that they are selling a few "Lion King" items but for the most part, if people were going to buy "Lion King" items they already have them.

Hanner said that Hot Wheels are selling well this season, particularly the collectible Hot Wheels.

Bigelow said that Toys R Us began to experience the surge of holiday shoppers starting about the middle of October.

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# 'Toy Story' Has Chance to Go to 'Infinity and Beyond'

By Jason Vrabel

To quote Buzz Lightyear from the new film "Toy Story" by Disney and Pixar, "To infinity and beyond" is the best way to describe not only the eye-popping animation but the story as well.

This is the first full-length computer animated film which will leave the adults in the audience remembering the bliss of afternoons playing with their toys, and children running home to make sure they take better care of their new power rangers.

This is a movie that will be loved and cherished by both children and adults for many years to come and will leave an incredible legacy to the future of animation. Just think if they can do this now, how bright the future of animation is.

The story focuses on the relationship of two rival toys. An old cowboy toy, Woody (voiced by Tom Hanks), is the favorite toy of 6-year-old Andy. He enjoys the relative comfort of being the leader of all of Andy's toys, who when no human is looking comes to life.

To all the toys, being a toy is their job. They hold seminars hosted by "Mr. Wordspell" on plastic erosion and the works. Just when life seems to be going fairly well for Woody and the other toys, Andy has a birthday. A toys worst nightmare, because this could mean the possible turning of favor to a new favorite.

Enter Buzz Lightyear, a new space toy with all the latest gadgets. Buzz thinks he really is the "real" Buzz Lightyear, and he spends his time trying to repair his spaceship (actually the box he came in).

Andy and Andy's other toys such as the

crotchety Mr. Potato Head (voiced by the incredibly funny Don Rickles) and Ham (voiced by "Cheers" alum John Ratzenberger. who played Cliff), soon give Buzz more attention than Woody.

Woody plots to get rid of Buzz, but things backfire and he finds himself lost in the outside world with Buzz as his only companion. The two then set out on an adventure that takes them to Pizza Planet, a galactic-thumbed Chuck E Cheese imitation, to the clutches of a sadistic neighborhood kid named Sid, who enjoys nothing more than either blowing up his toys or dismembering them.

Together, the cowboy and the spaceman forge a friendship and learn that only through mutual trust and respect do they have a chance

This film can be another in a long line of groundbreaking animation Disney has offered throughout the years. Remembering such classics as "Who Framed Roger Rabbit" or the animation sequences in "Mary Poppins," we soon forget how much animation has improved over the years.

In "Toy Story," the animators actually were able to show on a reconnaissance mission of little army soldiers the small plastic production rings on their backs.

In an incredible outdoor chase scene, I thought that they were just superimposing the characters over a real background because it looked so real. There are many times in this movie where all you can say is WOW!

The film's story has a good moral to it that is appropriate for children but should be considered by adults as well - if we work together despite our differences we all can



Woody, a pull-string cowboy, and Buzz Lightyear, a fancy new action figure, are the animated stars of "Toy Story."

Buzz to quickly, because in time they become the best of friends.

Writer and director John Lasseter has given life to these characters, which is rarely seen in an animated film. I never thought I would be recommending a buddy picture about toys.

These are good lessons that I hope don't become clouded by the film's anticipated money-making and marketing potential.

The only problem I had with "Toy Story" was its score by Randy Newman, whose credits include "Avalon" and "The Natural." The three songs he sings don't click with the

get along. Woody also learns that he judged film and surely will not be remembered by any child who can recite any other Disney song ad nauseum. Well, maybe that's not such a bad thing.

What makes this film tower over many animated Disney films, such as the way too politically correct "Pocahontas," is that it doesn't talk down to children. There are no hidden agendas or pretensions, just plain entertainment for all ages.

Remember that everyone, no matter how old or young, is an authority on toys.

# Movies and Music to Make Your Christmas Merry

By Matt Graeve

'Tis the season. The time to empty those chemical toilets you've been putting off, stick your tongue to a frozen pole on a triple dog dare, and compete with your oldest friend for the love of a 60-year-old woman.

It's Christmas and I know all you have to do over break is spend your extra money on movies. I've picked three of the funniest holiday movies ever made. And the best thing about them is that even if you've seen them already, they're worth seeing again and again.

Chevy Chase stars in "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation." The Griswold's are back from Europe and ready to settle down for a nice family Christmas in their own home. The only problem is they invited their in-

The movie starts off as funny as it ends. I hope I didn't give the ending away, but anyway. The film opens with Clark Griswold, Chase, taking his entire family for a little road trip into the country to find the ultimate tree. If you've seen either of the preivous two "Vacation" movies, then you can guess what an adventure this is. After a little run in with some rednecks, Clark finds a beautiful evergreen. The only problem is the tree is not only too big for his house, it's too big for the White House.

But by the time everybody shows up at his house, the tree is the least of the family's worries.

They have 25,000 twinkling lights on their house that won't light up, there's a killer

squirrel running around the house, Clark's boss hasn't sent out bonuses yet, and last but not least, Eddie (Randy Quaid) shows up out of the blue with his family.

Although he didn't come to impose, he does more than his share. Eddie's so broke from sending all his money to a televangelist, that his home is now more mobile than his car.

He can't even afford to give his kids Christmas presents.

In the end, everybody comes together, and the SWAT team leaves the house. If you're curious why they're in the movie, you'll have to rent it. But I'll warn you now, if you rent this movie you will want to buy it.

Another great holiday film is "A Christmas Story." This movie stars Peter Billingsley, otherwise known as Messy Marvin. It takes place in the 1950s or 1960s. The story revolves around a boy's quest to get a Red Rider BB Gun.

It doesn't sound like such a tall order, but everybody from Santa Claus to his teacher is afraid he'll shoot his eye out. The humor in the movie is drawn from the characters.

These are so many different ones you can relate to that you will have to rewind some parts because once just isn't enough.

If you were alive back when this film takes place or if you were born when it was being filmed, you'll enjoy this movie.

A film that's enjoyable any time of year,

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By Jonathan Murnane

If you're a fan of Christmas music — and if you are God help you - there are some new seasonal CD's out there to put a little lump in your stocking. And for those of you who enjoy the traditional approach to Christmas music, there's choices out there for you, too.

For sheer sound quality, and an instrumental delight, there is the new Mannheim Steamroller album, "Christmas in the Aire: Volume 7," which is sure to please the staunchest audience.

If you are a little more daring, and who isn't, check out the "Superstars of 1995," a veritable greatest hits package of Christmas

McCartney's Paul "Wonderful Christmastime" shares space with John Lennon and Yoko Ono's "So This is Christmas." Diana Ross sings "Silent Night," and Ella Fitzgerald sings "First Noel."

Contemporaries Richard Marx and Jon Secada join legends such as Willie Nelson for a who's who of classic Christmas, although little new ground is broken.

For a celebration of life there is "Mother and Child," a CD featuring all women, all mothers.

Martina McBride's rendition of "O Holy Night" is the best offering of classic material put out this year. It will leave you speechless.

Amy Grant, Belinda Carlisle, Wendy Moten, Suzy Bogguss and others sing about life in a glorious release of old and new songs.

For those who want a little funk in their

holidays, there is the "LaFace Christmas Album" from 1993, which features pop icons such as TLC and Toni Braxton with other R/ B favorites singing classics and originals.

Perhaps the most daring of all the albums this year, and any year, is "You Sleigh Me," a Christmas release of alternative artists on Atlantic's record label.

Tori Amos sings "The Little Drummer Boy" with as much raw emotion that accompanies her own songs.

Juliana Hatfield grinds on "Make It Home," tame by her standards.

Jill Sobule gives the very tongue in cheek "Merry Christmas From the Family," which critics have called "Home for the Holidays" in

Daniel Johnston gives a rendition of 'Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer." And if you thought you'd heard enough of it, Collective Soul do an amazing remake of Elvis' (and everybody else's) "Blue Christmas."

If you want to stick to basics, some classic albums by your favorite artists are available. For the country music fan there are favorites by Garth Brooks, Reba McEntire, Alan Jackson, the Tractors, Clint Black and Dolly Parton and Kenny Rogers.

If you like new age, jazz or big band, any of the Mannheim albums will please as well as Harry Connick Jr.'s "When my Heart Finds Christmas."

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# **Emotion Rocked Morissette Concert**

By Jonathan Murnane

She came, we listened, and it rocked.

Alanis Morissette, the present queen of alternative radio, performed at the Mancuso Music Hall last Friday.

Expecting an overbearing, scratchy voiced performance, I was pleasantly surprised at the complete control and exuberance of Morissette.

Her singing sounded so much better than any of the live performances she's done for television. Her voice was clear and unrelenting, matching whatever emotion the song was to convey. Gently reflective for "Hand in My Pocket," bitter for "Right Through You," angstridden for the finale of "Shouldn't Be Here."

Even though at times she got a little off-key, it's hard to believe that was not her intention.

The stage presence of the 21-year-old was amazing. Possessing the subdued nature and grace of a seasoned veteran, yet still having the edge that everyone's come to know of her. The show was damn near perfection.

Morissette did all the songs off her No. 1 CD, "Jagged Little Pill." She

even performed the phantom track, two new songs (the most endearing being a hard-hitting song called "The Death of Cinderella," in which Morissette played guitar), and a cover of Radiohead's "Fake Plastic Trees."

The fans loved her.

Morissette's music and style have a far-reaching effect, appealing to everyone from the preteens to their grandparents, if the audience was any indication.

She even has the ability to laugh at herself.

With the beginning lines of her smash "You Oughta Know" ("I want you to know, I'm happy for you ..."), Morissette quit singing and listened to the audience chant her words back to her. "An older version of me, is she perverted like me ..." the audience bellowed back while Morissette

stood quietly.

Finally she broke her silence with the well-posed quandary, "Why are you guys so angry?" The audience cheered knowing full well that this is one of the questions most frequently fielded by the ingenue.

The truth is that the main aspect of the concert was

emotion. You have to empathize with someone who can rip their heart out for everyone to see and hear about, night afternight. But this was Morissette's night.

The world seemed to revolve around this little person at the front of the stage. Girls were screaming "I love you" and everyone was singing along. It was a little overwhelming how much respect Morissette commanded from her young fans.

Proving that she is not just a studio prodigy, Morissette is not ready to relinquish her crown. It's hard not to see Morissette follow in the footsteps of her boss, pop-diva Madonna.

Much more surprising at the concert was the introduction of the Rentals, the opening act.

The Rentals, led by Weezer bassist Matt Sharp, gave an interesting, and somewhat aerobic, performance. The music had the techno-

logical edge and ear -splitting harmonies that are evident on their single "Friends of P.," currently rotating around alterna-

The Rentals, although a side project for Sharp, owe a lot more to the B-52's than to Weezer. Sharp's wacky singing, the girls' chirping, and the dance-rock beat made you wonder why they didn't jump into a rendition of "Rock Lobster."

Altering the lyrics of Michael Jackson's "You Are Not Alone" to match those of "Friends of P" gave a boost of humor

Overall, the night showcased the talents of two up-andcoming artists and validated Morissette as a professional per-



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# Benning and Fox Steal 'President'

Review By Joel D. Stevens

Rob Reiner's latest film, his tribute to Frank Capra "every man" cinema of Hollywood's golden age, "The American President," surpassed my expectations of romantic Hollywood formula.

Michael Douglas stars as widowed president Andrew Shepherd, a well-intended chief executive with high liberal ideals and a soaring approval rating.

In the process of campaigning for a second term in office, President Shepherd and his staff attempt to gain the passage of a moderate crime bill while compromising on their support of an effective environmental bill. This stirs the attention of an environmental lobbying organization and high-powered lobbyist Sydney Ellen Wade (Annette Benning) to persuade the White House to support the emissions legislation as is, despite not being politically wise in an election year.

Benning's Sydney is a tough, intelligent character who, in the middle of a tirade on the president's lack of environmental leadership to his chief of staff A.J. McInerny (Martin Sheen), is confronted by President Shepherd. And she is not surprisingly humiliated and embarrassed.

To appease the environmental lobby, and Miss Wade, President Shepherd agrees to support the emissions bill — if Miss Wade can guarantee enough votes to insure the bill's approval in Congress. Miss Wade agrees to the terms and adds that if President Shepherd backs off his promise, then the environmental lobby will withdraw its support of his campaign. So they reach a consensus.

Admiring her zeal and obvious sex appeal, President Shepherd calls Miss Wade to ask her to a state dinner the following evening at the White House. Benning's character is shocked and unbelieving at first, then ultimately agrees to be the president's date.

While this seems implausible to imagine the president "dating," Reiner shows that while President Shepherd is the leader of the free world and always in the public eye, he is ultimately a single man and perhaps the most eligible bachelor in the world. A media circus obviously ensues and questions are raised to the ethical implications of the president dating a special interest lobbyist.

As the relationship develops, the president's staff led by Lewis Rothchild (Michael J. Fox) and Robin (Anna Devere Smith) are unable to convince the president to address this media fiasco of "the president's girlfriend" before the criticism cause political fallout. The president is unswayed in his naive opinion that his personal life is just that, personal, and the White House takes no stand on media criticism of the situation. A storm of controversy erupts and criticism builds as the president's approval rating begins to slip.

An interesting subplot to the film is Richard Dreyfuss' Newt Gingrich-like performance as ultra-conservative Republican presidential hopeful Bob Rumson. Rumson seizes the currently popular media agenda by questioning President Shepherd's "family values" and political ethics in the interest of luring Shepherd's critics as supporters.

To be honest, how could the slightly unbelievable relationship of the president and a representative of a big money contributor environmental lobby on an intimate level not be construed as unethical?

As Miss Wade continues to lobby support for the emissions bill, she begins to grow uneasy with continuing questions about her influence and relationship with the president.

In the climax of the film, Sydney and her environmental lobby gain the requisite support to garner White House backing, and Shepherd is confronted with an executive decision. He must choose between backing off his support of the emissions bill and gaining the necessary votes he counted on, but recently lost, for his modest crime bill.

Shepherd compromises and decides to drop his support of

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but especially Christmastime is "Grumpy Old Men." I know what you're saying. Yyou hate movies that portray older people as uptight, but this movie is a rare exception.

Walter Matthau and Jack Lemmon go at each other's throats in this movie because they're chasing after the same little vixen, Ann Margaret.

"Grumpy Old Men" is a feel-good film that portrays people how they really are. Burgess Meredith steals the show as Jack Lemmon's 90 year old father.

Christmas is a time for traditions. The tree, the presents and a good, funny movie. These three will work every year.

•From Music, page 6•
Pop and rock music gives us the now classic "Very Special Christmas" volumes I and II. Mariah Carey, Gloria Estefan, Boyz II Men, Amy Grant and All-4-One also have holiday titles.

So for everyone who loves to hear Christmas music over and over again — and if you do just go hang out at your favorite mall there are enough selections to whet even the driest of appetites.

•From President, page 7•

the environmental bill, retaining public support as a "tough on crime" president for his reelection campaign. In the end he realizes it is his conscience, his values and his position to do what is right that influences decisions concerning America, not public opinion polls and reelection odds. So he changes his decision in favor of the emissions bill.

The performances in "The American President" are first-rate. While Michael Douglas is not known as an acting technician, he is adequate as the good-natured president. Perhaps the finest two performances of the film are Annette Benning as the brash environmentalist and Michael J. Fox, as the George Stephenopolous-like aid, who seems to have found a niche as a straight man, yuppie character actor.

It seems that Reiner and screenwriter Aaron Sorkin, who worked together before on "A Few Good Men," are saying that with the lack of good, effective leadership in today's media frenzied topography, a leader is needed who values what is right more than opinion polls and partisan criticism. A political film where the good guy wins, does what's right and gets the

Only in Hollywood.

From Charity, page 2.

church most utilized and is decorated with mittens, scarves and hats. These are then distributed to children through the schools or the church itself.

The Western Douglas County Chamber of Commerce joins Peace Presbyterian in providing Christmas boxes full of goodies to eat. These names have been forwarded by various churches, agencies and the schools to the group for distribution.

Numerous other organizations, church, and retail merchants take part in various activities to ensure that each person is provided with a little something at Christmas. Volunteers are needed by most. Call the organizations listed or check your local telephone book for numbers to volunteer your time and support.





# Andreasen and Hill Tackle Postseason Honors

By Dave Mollner

When the gridiron honor roll for the 1995 NCAA Division II football season was posted last Tuesday, UNO's Jermaine Hill and Kory Andreasen made the grades.

The All-Midwest Region Football Team, which was selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSida), rostered 27 North Central Conference players out of 53 possible selections. Northern Colorado topped all NCC teams with two first-team and three second-team selections. North Dakota was second with four first-teamers, followed by North Dakota State with three first-team and one second-team selections.

For both Andreasen and Hill, ending their careers on such positive notes will leave two

big holes for a young Maverick team to fill in 1996.

Hill, a 5-foot-8, 195-pound running back out of Los Angeles, Calif., made this year's first-team offense as an all-purpose back, which includes kick-off returns, punt returns and yards from scrimmage. He was the top vote-getter at that position. Last season, Hill earned second-team all-North Central Conference honors after transferring to UNO from Fullerton (Calif.) Junior College. Hill, a business administration major, plans to leave his options open after August graduation.

"My main objective right now is to try and stay focused on graduating," Hill said about a possible future in professional football. "But gaining first-team honors can only help me

when that move to the next level comes around. When it does, I want to perform well at the combines for the scouts."

Hill has received invitations from professional football combines in Minneapolis, Chicago and Dallas which will take place this spring. In January, he will head north to play in the Snow Bowl at the Fargodome on the North Dakota State campus.

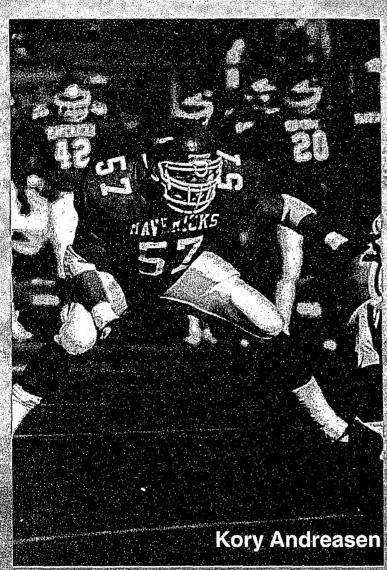
On the other side of the ball, Hill's counterpart and fellow team captain Kory Andreasen tackled second-team All-Midwest Region honors after leading the Mavs in tackling for the third straight year.

Andreasen, a 6-foot, 225-pound linebacker and Bountiful, Utah native, transferred to UNO from Kansas State prior to the 1993 season. Last season, he earned first-team all-NCC honors at linebacker and was an honorable mention as a sophomore. He wraps up his career at UNO with 351 tackles.

With Andreasen's intensity missing in the Mavs' defensive interior next season, the team will lose more than just a hard-nosed line-backer flying around the field.

"If you perform and produce on the field, you become a natural leader," Mavs Head Coach Pat Behrns said about his defensive field general. "He was kind of like a coach on the field always making sure we were in the right sets. Kory spent a lot of time in game preparation—the intangibles of what makes a great football player, and a great leader."

# Mavs Named to All-Midwest Region



- Second-team All-Midwest as linebacker
- Led UNO in tackles for three straight seasons
- 1994 1st Team All-NCC
- 1993 NCC Honorable Mention

# Behrns on Andreasen:

"Leadership is built-in with production - Kory was undoubtedly the anchor of our defense."



- First-team All-Midwest as all-purpose back
- Ranked No. 3 nationally in Kickoff returns
- Ranked No. 10 nationally all-purpose yards
- Ranked No. 1 NCC Punt returns, Kickoff returns and all-purpose yardage
- . Invited to 1996 Snow Bowl.

### Behrns on Hill:

"To finish No. 3 in the nation in kickoff returns and No. 10 in all-purpose yards, that's a pretty productive football player."

# Rejuvenated Lady Mavs Ready for Two Undefeated Opponents



"As of last week, I am very confident of the way we are playing ... now we play to win the whole thing, which is a big step for any team."

-Cherri Mankenberg Lady Mavs Head Coach

By Tony Reinke

After splitting their first four games of the season, the UNO Lady Mays return home to the Cox Cable/02TV classic. Three teams travel to the UNO Fieldhouse this weekend: Northwest Missouri State, Minnesota-Duluth and Wayne State.

The Lady Mavs, who lost their first two games of the season in Minnesota, have since been playing on a different level. UNO defeated Metro State and Denver University last week in Colorado to raise their record to 2-2.

vs. Wayne State

Friday night the Lady Mavs face off against Wayne State. The undefeated Wildcats bring a 2-0 record to face a rejuvenated UNO team Friday at 7:30 p.m.

"I expect a good, up-tempo game. I feel they are going to come in here and play one of the best games they play all year," UNO Head Coach Cherri Mankenberg said.

One of UNO's defensive concerns will be with Wildcat guard Amy Brodersen. Last season the senior from O'Neill, Neb., led Wayne State with 13.9 points and 5.6 rebounds per game. She scored 18 points in the Wildcats' 84-62 victory over Concordia (Neb.).

"Brodersen is a talented guard and the catalyst of the team," Mankenberg said.

Not to be forgotten, the Wildcats have a front court to rival most competition. Five 6-foot players compared with UNO's two. Wayne State center Mindi Jensen (6-foot-1) will match up with Lady Mav center Michelle

Spetman (5-foot-11). Spetman was awarded the Nebraska Division II Basketball Player of the Week award for her performance in the Mavs' two victories.

"Naturally, teams will key in on her, but she likes that. She is playing with more control then last season. Spetman averages 13.5 points per game.

"Our post players were not attacking in our first two games," Mankenberg said of the team's two losses. "This past week was a different story. We came out, attacked and had great performances from Michelle Spetman and Amy Breen."

Breen, one of several Lady Mavs carrying their own weight, averages 12.5 points per game. Guard Amy Loth leads the team with a 16.6 average.

vs. Northwest Missouri St.

On Saturday, the Lady Mavs will play their final game of the classic against 3-0 Northwest Missouri State at 7:30 p.m. Center Sandy Ickes leads her team with an average of 16.7 points a game. Once again the Lady Mavs' front court is going to be tested. Mankenberg feels the team's defense will be the key factor throughout the weekend.

"They have a veteran team," Mankenberg said. "Sizewise we match up with them very well. They have a good shooting team, so our defense is going to be tested."

The Lady Mavs' defense has given up an average of 47 points per game while the offense just 38.

"As of last week I am very confident of the way we are playing," Mankenberg said. "We came off the first week with two losses and

Sideline

Volleyball

Finishing as the No. 13 team in the nation, the Lady Mays were not invited to the 28-team postseason play. But three players have been awarded postseason honors.

Denise Otten, a senior from Norfolk, Neb., was the most celebrated. She was named to the All-American second team, the first UNO player to be honored with the award in six years. She led the team with a school record .421 hitting percentage. Otten was also named to the all-North Central Conference team, all-Region team, academic all-NCC and an all-conference selection for academics.

"Denise has worked extremely hard for the last four years." Although I know she would trade (her all-American selection) for a chance at a national championship, she is extremely worthy of being named one of the top players in the country," Head Coach Rose Shires said.

Junior setter Amy Steffel was named to the all-North Central Conference team and all-Region team. She led the conference in service aces per game. She is a one-time NCC player of the week.

Sophomore outside hitter Tanya Cate, a Yutan, Neb., native, was named to the all-NCC honorable mention team. She was awarded an NCC player of the week award also.

### Men's Basketball

Saturday, Dec. 2 at 2 p.m., the Mavs will take on the Dana College Vikings in the Fieldhouse. The Mavs have defeated DC in all 11 contests.

our backs against the wall. We went to Colorado and played very aggressive. We played to win the whole thing, which is a big step for any team." Basketball Head Coach Kevin Lehman announced that he has signed forward Mike Moore of Southeastern Community College. The 6-foot-7, 255-pound transfer averaged 14.5 points and 12 rebounds per game in high school. Moore will have three years of eligibility at UNO.

Women's Basketball

Head Coach Cherri Mankenberg announced the signing of three future Mays. Sarah Larson of Irwin, Iowa, and Keri Fellen of Council Bluffs have signed letters of intent with the Lady Mays.

Larson, a 5-foot-11 forward/center, was awarded all-state honors last season. She led Manilla IKM High School to two straight conference championships while averaging 15.8 points per game.

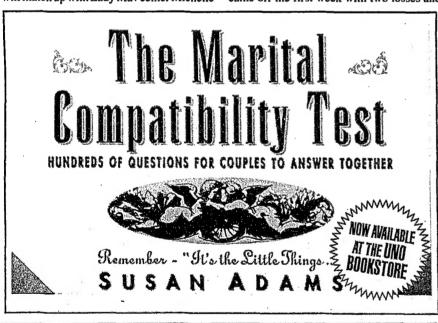
Feilen, an all-state selection for Abraham Lincoln High School, led her team to its first ever appearance at the state fournament last season. The guard averaged 12 points per game and shot 43.5-percent of her three point attempts.

Wrestling

The Mays will travel to Northern Iowa for the Northern Iowa Open on Saturday. About 250 wrestlers from the Midwest will travel to the UNI Dome. Three Mays are coming off titles in the Kaufman-Glen Brand Open in the Fieldhouse earlier this season. Nine other players placed in the tournament.

National Champion Ralphael Kizzee, Chris Blair and Brauman Creighton are coming off championships at the Ryan Kaufman-Glen Brand Open.

Other matches in the classic include Minn.-Duluth/Northwest Missouri State (5:30 Friday) Minn.-Duluth/Wayne State (5:30 Saturday).







# **Putting on the Finishing Touches**



Susan Koneck, director of the Women's Resource Center, polishes up a display of ads, designed by WRC volunteer Jenny Baker, that can be considered insulting to women. The display will be up at a showing of the film "Still Killing Us Softly," Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. The film also deals with images of women in advertising.

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# Family Traditions Fill UNO Staff Holidays

By Vineta Pritchard

Ever wonder how the faculty and staff spend their holidays? The wait is over. The Gateway has tapped into the private lives of some UNO faculty and staff with the question, "How do you spend your Christmas holidays?"

Once classes are out and the semester has come to a close, UNO faculty and staff begin preparing for the holiday the same way students do.

Ernest Peck, vice chancellor of academic affairs, said he has a large extended family that lives all over the country. The place he calls home, however, is where his father lives.

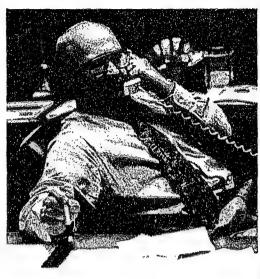
Peck, his wife and stepson visit Port Arthur, Texas frequently. There they are met by other relatives and attend numerous family gatherings in East Texas. The family also visits Louisiana, where Peck's brother resides.

Peck said it doesn't matter where he spends the holidays as long as his father is there. He even sends his father a ticket to visit him when he can't make it to his father.

Travel also plays a part in holiday celebrations for Karen White, dean of the College of Fine Arts. Traveling, however, does not take place during the holiday sea-

"Twenty-two years ago we decided to never give gifts. Instead, when possible we travel together. Around June or July the plans are made, and whoever is available makes the trip," White said.

White said there are no children to buy gifts for, and no one ever knew what to get her so this way, everyone enjoys a guilt-free holiday together. Through the years,





Family get-togethers are Christmas tradition for both Chancellor Del Weber,left, and Athletic Director Don Leahy.

White and her family have been to Seattle, New Orleans, Spain, Paris and have even taken a cruise together.

Her family gets to skip all the Christmas cleanups from the Christmas dishes to the wrapping paper and tinsel on the floor.

White said that her family practices this tradition throughout the entire year, including birthdays. The upside of this is that if she sees a dress she knows her sister would like, she buys it, so they exchange gifts all times during the year. Plus, when she takes a trip, she comes back with beau-

tiful memories and beautiful trinkets from all over the world.

White said she doesn't have much time to travel now with her schedule, and that is why she hasn't made definite plans this year.

Chancellor Del Weber said he spends his holiday time with relatives. Weber said that he and his wife sometimes visit their daughter, her husband and the Weber's four grandchildren in Rye, N.Y. He said that when they get back they like to "crash on the couch." What would the holidays be without family to celebrate the season with? For many UNO faculty and staff members, spending time with friends and family is a large part of celebrating their holiday traditions together.

Don Leahy, UNO athletic director, said he is "the world's foremost turkey carver." Leahy and his wife and children (two UNO graduates and one Iowa State grad), along with their four grandchildren, have dinner at his house or their niece's house.

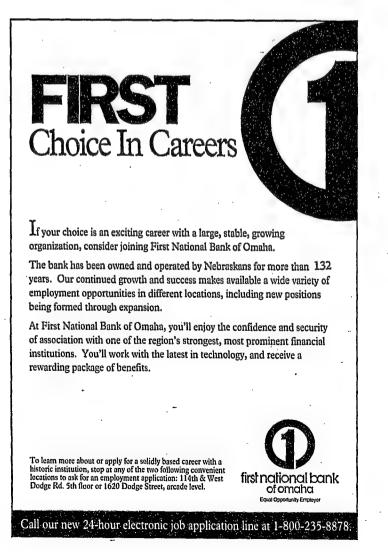
Leahy said they alternate homes, but wherever they are they come by the masses. Leahy comes from a big family, he has 10 siblings and his wife has 12 brothers and sisters. For this reason they usually draw names to make gift-giving simpler for one another

John Flocken, interim associate vice chancellor, said he and his family do nothing out-of-the-ordinary for the holidays. Flocken said that about a week before Christmas, "We cut down our own tree and decorate, and on Christmas Eve we open gifts."





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# Ribbon Makes Quick, Easy, Cheap Decorating Tool

By Beth Warner
Three Omaha retailers involved in crafts and decorating said that some new themes are joining the traditional ones for this year's Christmas decorating.

The most popular colors this season are red, green, gold and burgundy, said Dennis Vraspir, floral department coordinator at Mangelsens near 84th and Grover Street. This season gold is the strongest selling color of trim, he said. Burgundy is just as popular as red this year. Vraspir said that red and burgundy are being used interchangeably and are selling equally.

Vraspir said they are selling a lot of ribbon, and he said it's a good buy in decorating. He said some ribbons can be formed into shapes such as bows and are able to hold that shape.

Vraspir said that some of the best buys for the holiday season are some of the traditional holiday decorations. He said if he were to suggest items to people shopping on a budget he would recommend that they buy small glass balls (six for under \$5), satin ribbon in either red or green (at 20 cents a vard), tinsel (enough to cover a 6-foot tree for a little more than a \$1 a box).

Artificial trees at Mangelsens range in price from just under \$20 for a 3-foot tree to \$600 for a 12-foot tree.

Vraspir said angels and cherubs are big this season as themes. He said they have also been selling Santa's personifying different themes. For example, he said, they have been selling cowboy Santa's, and Santa's shown playing a variety of sports such as soccer.

He also said that swags, which are used as wall decorations as an alternative to wreaths, are also selling well this season.

Rhonda, who did not wish to give her last name, an assistant manager at Northwest Fabrics and Crafts near 84th and Grover Street, said in a Tuesday afternoon phone interview that the colors burgundy and gold are very popular this season. She said she is seeing a lot of ribbons with metallic decorations. She said ribbon styles incorporating a gold or metallic theme include ribbons with gold mesh, gold beading and colored ribbons edged with gold.

Rhonda said ribbons this season don't necessarily need to be shaped into a bow. She said that she has seen ribbons draped across mantles and curling down Christmas

Rhonda said that cherub themes are popular as are gingerbread themes.

Rhonda said there are some easy craft projects to decorate a room. She said, for example, a person could take prequilted panels printed in a gingerbread or cherub theme and hem the edges. The panel can be used as a wall hanging, a fireplace cover-up or a toasty little lap blanket.

Another easy project is to use iron-on decals to decorate a T-shirt, sweatshirt or wall hanging. Another suggestion was to use baskets for decorating or for holiday giftgiving. "It's like a present within a present," Rhonda said.

She said that the store began selling Christmas items in June and is now out of 75

percent of its Christmas stock.

Candace Rohlfing, supervisor of the floral department at Hobby Lobby near 90th and Grant Street, said in a Tuesday morning phone interview that poinsettias were a very economical way to decorate. She said poinsettias at Hobby Lobby were half off, with original prices ranging from \$3.99 to \$9.99. Rohlfing said she particularly likes poinsettias because they can make any place look homey. "You can do a lot with poinsettias," she said.

Rohlfing said that other bargains for decorating this season are rolls of ribbons, pine cones and candles.

"You can use candles any way you can imagine," she said.

Rohlfing said the store is almost sold out of its Christmas items. She said they have been selling Christmas items since August 1. She said they start selling Christmas items early so that crafters who buy from them will have time to make items to sell or to give as

# Driving Other Peoples' Cars Offers Cheap Holiday Travel

By College Press Service

The folks want you home for the holidays. You can't afford Dallas and California. to fly. Trains are too slow, and there's too many freaks on the bus. Driving would be no problem, but you don't own a car, and rentals cost way too much. What's left?

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"Like in a will, people will leave cars, or people will send cars as gifts, and we're the most economical way to get [the car] there," says Bill Taylor, a manager for Across America Driveway, which has offices "all over," including Chicago,

Anyone over 21 can use a drive-away service. You fill out an application, "we fingerprint you, copy your student ID and verify your references," says Taylor. "It takes 20-25 minutes."

After telling them when and where you want to go, the drive-away company will try to set you up with a vehicle. There's also a \$180 to \$300 deposit (depending on the company), which you get back after returning the car. Again, all you have to pay for is the gas. And the first tank is sometimes

"We work a route out with them," says John F. Sohl, founder of Auto Driveaway, "where they stop and go, it's up to them. We ask that they drive 400 miles a day-about a 10hour run. But there's no night driving."

If you're in an accident, you pay your own hospital bills. But the drive-away company will cover the cost of the car.

There are drive-away services available in all of the major cities in the U.S. and several in Canada. In 1994 more than  $50,000\,\mathrm{cars}$  were transported through Auto Driveaway alone. So chances are, there's a car that needs to go to the same place

"We have everything from a Ford Taurus to a '95 Cadillac." Sohl said. "It could even be a Lexus."

Eric Conte, a Washington resident and Congressional aide, has had plenty of experience driving other people's cars.

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# Tips to Keep Holiday Cooking From Giving You the Blues

By Marylynne Ziemba

The turkey is so dry that the family is choking and the mashed potatoes have lumps. The gravy tastes like something left over from the Exxon-Valdez oil spill, and the rolls are so hard they can break teeth. But it gets worse. Are those the same cranberries from Thanksgiving? The fruitcake is growing fuzz, and Grandpa is sneaking into the kitchen 10 minutes after dinner for a peanut butter and jelly sandwich.

Does this disaster sound familiar? This year's holiday meal doesn't have to help everyone start losing weight before the new year. In fact, with a few tips and guidelines, everyone will be asking about your cooking secrets and begging for left-

When preparing the turkey, everything from the selection to the carving of the bird is essential to cook the perfect turkey. According to Pillsbury Foods, for each guest, plan on about one pound of turkey. When choosing a turkey, look for one that is firm, tightly sealed, frozen solid, and free of ice crystals or freezer burn. Keep your turkey frozen at 0° F until thawing, which usually takes five hours per pound of turkey (in the refrigerator). Be sure to cook your turkey within 24 hours of thawing to prevent food poisoning.

After the turkey is thawed, remove the neck and giblet from the cavity and rinse with cold water. Place the turkey in the oven and cook according to the roasting times on the turkey's package or until it is finished cooking when the turkey thermometer is between 180° and 185° F.

If your family is still sick of turkey from Thanksgiving, ham, chicken or roast beef can be substituted for your holiday meal.

A variety of vegetables and side dishes can be prepared, ranging from stuffing, peas, mashed potatoes or even a corn casserole. Rolls, which can be briefly warmed in a conventional oven, are a good complement to any holiday meal.

When it comes to holiday cooking, the first thing many people think of is the desserts. Cookies, cakes, candies, cheese-cakes and fruitcakes are just a few of the

holiday treats that make our mouths water.

Of course, something that tastes so good can't be simple to make. Right? Wrong, according to Sue Harris, senior correspondent and home economist at Hershey Foods Corporation.

"Holiday cooking doesn't have to be difficult. Look over the recipe beforehand and make sure you have all the ingredients," she said.

When baking, not all types of ingredients are the same. For instance, Harris said that the wrong kind of margarine can ruin a recipe.

"Many margarines have changed and there are now many margarines that are spreads, which don't work as well with baking," Harris said.

Either margarine or shortening can be used. The differences between the two, however, are a matter of personal preferences.

"I prefer to use a butter-flavored shortening, which makes cookies a little chewier," Harris said. "If you use margarine, you will get a little flatter cookie that might be a little crunchier. It's just a matter of personal preference and how you like your cookies to taste."

When selecting desserts for holiday meals, either a traditional or more contemporary dessert can be used — or both. Experiment with old recipes to add a twist to the old.

If time is limited, your desserts don't have to show it. Try making some Rice Krispies treats using the holiday edition of Rice Krispies cereal, which has green and red pieces. Or, try frosting sugar cookies with red and green frosting. Refrigerated cookie dough and white icing, which you can color yourself at home, are just as far away as the closest grocery store.

The holidays are a time to spend with family, not in the kitchen. By preparing ahead of time and using these tips and suggestions, even the most inexperienced cook can prepare a delicious meal and still have enough energy afterward to enjoy it.

# Eight Steps to Planning the Meal:

Plan your menu ahead of time and make a shopping list.
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2. Snop early for non-perisnable items. I ms will neip ensure the supermarkets will be well-stocked with the items you need.

3. Prepare a cooking schedule. Write down when you'll begin cooking each item so that foods will be ready at the same time.

4. Bake pies, quick breads and cakes a day early to save time.

5. Decide what baking dishes you'll use. Be sure the dishes that need to be in the oven at the same time will fit.

6. Choose serving dishes ahead of time and set them out so that last-minute serving will be smooth and easy.

7. Share the last-minute preparations. Ask a family member for help and assign each a task, such as slicing the quick bread, filling the glasses and folding the napkins.

8. Enjoy! With the meal preparations finished, you and your guests will share a delicious holiday meal.

Courtesy of Pillsbury Foods.

# When Julia Child Isn't on TV, Consult

# The Gateway Holiday Food Guide



# Recipes for Chocolate Holiday Goodies

Holiday Chocolate Cookies

1/2 cup (1 stick) butter or margarine, softened

3/4 cup sugar

1 egg

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour

1/3 cup Hershey's Cocoa

1/2 teaspoon baking powder1/2 teaspoon baking soda

1/4 teaspoon salt

decorator's frosting (see following recipe)

Heat oven to 325°F. In large mixer bowl, beat butter, sugar, egg and vanilla until light and fluffy. Stir together flour, cocoa, baking powder, baking soda and salt; add to butter mixture, blending well. On a lightly floured surface, roll small portion of dough at a time to 1/4-inch thickness. (Refrigerate dough if too soft to roll.) Cut with 2 1/2-inch cookie cutter; place on uncooked cookie sheet. Bake 5 to 7 minutes or until only slight indentation remains when touched lightly. Cool 1 minute; remove from cookie sheet to wire rack. Cool completely. Prepare decorator's frosting. Frost cookies; decorate as desired. Makes about 3 dozen cookies.

Decorator's frosting:

1 1/2 cups powdered sugar

2 tablespoons shortening

2 tablespoons milk

1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract red food color

In small mixing bowl, combine all ingredients except red food color; beat until smooth and of spreading consistency. Tint with food color, blending well.

Chocolate Mint Dessert

1 cup all-purpose flour

1 cup sugar

1/2 cup (1 stick) butter or margarine, soft-

4 egg

1 1/2 cups (16 oz. can) Hershey's syrup Mint Cream Center (recipe follows) Chocolate Glaze (recipe follows)

Heat oven to 350°F. Grease 13x9x2-inch baking pan. In large mixer bowl, combine flour, sugar, butter, eggs, and syrup; heat until smooth. Pour batter into prepared pan. Bake 25 to 30 minutes or until top springs back when touched lightly in center. Cool completely in pan on wire rack. Spread mint cream center on cake. Cover; refrigerate at least I hour before serving. Cover; refrigerate

leftover dessert. Makes about 12 servings.

Mint Cream Center: In small mixer bowl, combine 2 cups powdered sugar, 1/2 cup (1 stick) softened butter or margarine and 2 tablespoons green creme de menthe\*; beat until smooth.

\*1 tablespoon water, 1/2 to 3/4 teaspoon mint extract and 3 drops green food color may be substituted for creme de menthe.

Chocolate Glaze: In small saucepan over very low heat, melt 6 tablespoons butter or margarine and 1 cup Hershey's semi-sweet chocolate chips. Remove from heat; stir until smooth. Cool slightly.

Chocolate Mint Triangles: Cut dessert into about 12 3-inch squares; cut each square diagonally into halves. Makes about 24 triangles.

For Double Chocolate Mint Dessert: Hershey's mint chocolate chips may be substituted for Hershey's semi-sweet chocolate chips in Chocolate Topping. Omit creme dementhe in Mint Cream Center.

Easy Double-Decker Fudge

1 cup Reese's peanut butter chips -

1 can (14 oz.) sweetened condensed milk, divided

2 tablespoons butter or margarine, softened

1 cup Hershey's semi-sweet chocolate chips

1 teaspoon vanilla extract, divided

Line 9-inch square pan or 9x5x3-inch loaf pan with foil; lightly butter foil. In medium microwave-safe bowl, place peanut butter chips, 2.3 cup sweetened condensed milk and butter. In second medium microwave-safe bowl, place chocolate chips and remaining sweetened condensed milk. Microwave bowl with peanut butter chips at high (100%) 1 minute or until chips are melted and mixture is smooth when stirred; stir in 1/2 teaspoon vanilla. Immediately pour and spread evenly into prepared pan. Microwave bowl with chocolate chips at high 1 minute or until chips are melted and mixture is smooth when stirred; stir in remaining 1/2 layer; cool. Cover; refrigerate until firm. Remove from pan; place on cutting board. Peel off foil; cut into 1-inch squares. Store in tightly covered container in refrigerator. Makes about 2 dozen pieces.

Recipes Courtesy of Hershey Foods Corp.

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"I've driven from Boston to Washington, D.C.; Washington, D.C,. to Providence; Washington, D.C., to Memphis; Memphis to Washington; I've done it a lot. It's a tremendous opportunity if you can be flexible with your travel time.'

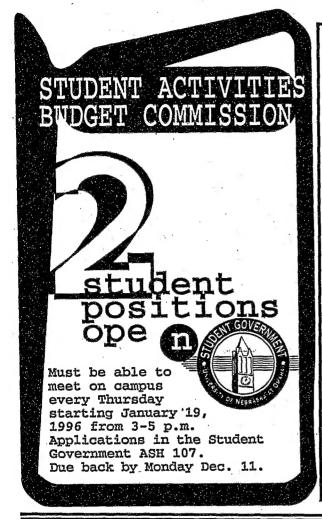
You also get to test drive different cars, adds Conte, whose driven everything from a "Volvo 850 GL Turbo to a 1984 Volkswagen Rabbit."

Many students use drive-away companies to get home at the end of the semester. Others drive their cars to get to vacation spots. And some just cruise aimlessly across the country.

Marjan Smnidovnik, a recent graduate from the University of Ljubljana in Slovenia, and his girlfriend wanted to see the American heartland. So they flew into New York City and hooked up with a drive-away company, not knowing where they would be sent.

"I only try to see the way of living here-I leave myself to be surprised," he explains. "Whatever will happen will happen. It's useless to plan too much."





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